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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" In that case, Sir, in the Bellary district, they went out of the way and consulted the district board."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to answer to clause (e), may I know whether they have any unofficial information about it ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Personally I remember to have seen some article in the newspapers."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to answer (f), in view of the statement that the hon. Member has got some information about this, may I ask why the Government should go on with this proposal, while the petition has not been disposed of ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I understand that the petition has been disposed of."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know with what results ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" My information is that the petition was dismissed."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, as the result of these arrangements, whether all members of the newly constituted taluk boards will be nominated by the President of the District Board ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" They are nominated by the Government."

Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU :—" Is there any rule made that no member of the community appointed is a member of the Bezwada Taluk Board ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Sir, there is no such rule."

Contributions from local bodies to flood-relief funds.

* 242 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names and the number of local bodies which contributed to the recent flood-relief funds of South India ; the amounts contributed by each ;

(b) the names and the number of such bodies whose donations were vetoed by the Government ;

(c) the reasons for such disallowance ; and

(d) whether certain local bodies were permitted to contribute to the Central Flood Relief Fund and not to the People's Flood Relief Fund and, if so, the reasons for this discrimination ?

A.—(a) The 39 local boards mentioned in Appendix II [a] contributed the amount noted against them to the recent flood relief funds in South India with the sanction of Government. In the case of municipal councils the power to sanction extraordinary expenditure generally has been delegated to the Collectors. One municipal council applied to Government direct for sanction which was declined as the finances of the council were unsatisfactory.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 687 infra.

(b) In the case of the following seven local bodies the Government declined to sanction the payment of the contributions :—

(1) Walluvanad Taluk Board.
(2) Salem Taluk Board.
(3) Tirupattur Municipal Council.
(4) Chandragiri Taluk Board.
(5) Tirutturaipundi Taluk Board.
(6) Bhimavaram Taluk Board.
(7) Cocanada Taluk Board.

(c) In the first four cases referred to in the answer to clause (b) above the finances of the local bodies were not satisfactory. In the other three cases the contributions were proposed to be given to individual persons or to funds in whose case there was no guarantee that the amount contributed will be spent on flood relief in South India.

(d) Yes. There was no guarantee that the amount will be spent on flood relief in South India.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to answer in clause (a) referring to appendix II on page 32, may I ask the hon. the Minister whether all those contributions were made to the Central Flood Relief Fund with the sanction of the Local Government? I am talking of the local boards who were permitted to make contributions."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I should have notice of the question."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to answer to clause (c) of this question ' In the other three cases the contributions were proposed to be given to individual persons or to funds in whose case there was no guarantee that the amount contributed will be spent on flood relief in South India ', may I ask what are those funds in whose case there was no guarantee ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I should like to have notice of this too."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to clause (d) of this question, and the answer thereto, may I ask the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government whether he is responsible for the statement that with regard to the People's Flood Relief Fund of which Mr. S. Srinivasa Ayyangar, the ex-Advocate-General, and three hon. Members of this Council are secretaries, there is no guarantee that the amount will be spent on flood relief in South India ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" That is the opinion of the Government ?"

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask the grounds for that opinion ? "

Alleged order by the Collector of Madura regarding cheque signed by the Chairman of the Dindigul municipality.

* 243 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Collector of Madura ordered, in May or June last, the Sub-Treasury Officer in Dindigul not to honour any cheque